Reduction in telecom tariffs

1026. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the telephone tariff for the subscribers of land line and cellular phones provided by BSNL/MTNL to meet the growing competition from other telecom operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Sir, tariffs offered by BSNL and MTNL for the subscribers of landline and cellular phones are reviewed from time to time according to the prevailing market trends and to meet the competition from other telephone operators. This is in consonance with the policy, as laid down by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The extant guidelines by TRAI provide for forbearance *vis-a-vis* most of the telecom tariffs for all telecom service providers including BSNL and MTNL.

Recently BSNL has revised the landline/WLL tariff under all plans effective from 01.03.2009. Under prepaid mobile service, a special plan namely 'India Golden 50' has been introduced effective from 01.03.09. The details of revision in tariff for landline/WLL service and introduction of 'India Golden 50' under mobile service are given in the Statement.

Statement

Landline/WLL Tariff

1. (**A**) **Existing Tariff for Landline/WLL Subscribers**:-

Calls originating from BSNL Fixed line and WLL**

Particular	BSNL Network		Other Network	
	Fixed*/WLL**	Cellular	Fixed*	Cellular/WLL**
Local and Intra Circle Calls				
		Pulse/Rs. per Min.		
Local	180/0.33	120/0.50	180/0.33	60/1.00
0-50 kms.	180/0.33	120/0.50	180/0.33	60/1.00
>50 kms.	120/0.50	120/0.50	60/1.00	60/1.00
Inter Circle Calls				
0-50 kms.	90/0.67	60/1.00	90/0.67	60/1.00
>50 kms.	120/0.50	60/1.00	60/1.00	60/1.00

**WLL means both WLL (F) and WLL (M)

1. (B) **Revised Tariff for Landline/WLL Subscribers:-**

Calls originating from BSNL Fixed/WLL (except 10 digit numbers)

Particular	BSNL Network		Others Network	
	Fixed/WLL (except 10 digit numbers	Cellular/WLL (10 digit numbers)	Fixed/WLL (except 10 digit numbers	Cellular/WLL (10 digit numbers)
Local and Intra Circle Calls				
		Pulse/Rs. per Min.		
Local	180/0.33	120/0.50	180/0.33	60/1.00
0-50 kms.	180/0.33	120/0.50	180/0.33	60/1.00
>50 kms.	120/0.50	120/0.50	120/0.50	60/1.00
Inter Circle Calls				
0-50 kms.	120/0.50	60/1.00	120/0.50	60/1.00
>50 kms.	120/0.50	60/1.00	120/0.50	60/1.00

[Revised pulse rates are shown in BOLD Letters]

Note:— It is illustrative example considering unit rate of Rs. 1.00.

2. '**India Golden 50' under Mobile Service**

Particulars	Tariff
Cost of SIM inclusive service tax in Rs.	67.00
Activation/First Recharge Coupon in Rs.	333.75
Service Tax in Rs.	41.25
MRP of Activation/First Recharge Coupon in Rs.	375.00
Talk value in Rs.	30.00
Call to any network anywhere in India (Rs./Min)	0.50
SMS to any network any where in India (Rs./SMS)	0.50
Other charges	Prepaid General

Embezzlement of money from post offices

†1027. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.